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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION REPORT: PRESIDENT NIXON'S VISIT
TO MID-EAST

1. YUGOSLAV MEDIA JUNE 10 DEVOTE CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO UP-
COMING VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO MIDDLE EAST. IN BELGRADE
DAILY BORBA EDIT, FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMENTATOR VLADO TESLIC WRITES
THAT VISIT TO MIDDLE EAST AND USSR ONCE AGAIN EMPHASIZES NIXON
OUTLOOK ON FOREIGN POLICY: "NEGOTIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION,
AND DETENTE WHERE IT IS IN U.S. INTERESTS." EDIT INCLUDES
OBSERVATION THAT POSSIBILITIES FOR PRESIDENT TO ACHIEVE PROGRESS
IN U.S. ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL GOALS ARE GREATER THAN CHANCES OF
OPENING NEW PHASE IN MIDDLE EAST PEACE SETTLEMENT, PRINCIPALLY
DUE TO ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE. AT ANY RATE, CONCLUDES TESLIC,
"UNDOUBTEDLY USEFUL" VISIT OF U.S. PRESIDENT "MARKS TURN FOR THE
BETTER IN U.S.-ARAB RELATIONS."

2. BORBA'S JUNE 10 NEWS COVERAGE INCLUDES FRONT-PAGE (THREE
COLUMN, CENTER) TANJUG DESPATCH (CAIRO) ON "MAGNIFICENT WELCOME"
BEING PREPARED IN CAIRO FOR U.S. PRESIDENT, AND UPI, REUTERS
REPORTS (WASHINGTON) ON PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE STATEMENT, HEADLINED:
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"NIXON: WE BELIEVE IN PEACE." BOTH NEWS ITEMS ALSO CARRIED IN

BELGRADE DAILY POLITIKA.
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